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Docket No.: 975902600170

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Cross et al.

Serial No.: 10/529,921

Filed: April 1, 2005

Title: Laboratory Workstation for Providing Samples

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**  
**Filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b)**  
**Filing Date Granted**

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of a Nonprovisional Application, dated July 31, 2006, a copy of which is returned herewith, enclosed are the following papers related to the above-identified application:

- A properly signed declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) identifying the international application by the above identical application number and filing date.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

*Suzanne Koston* /Suzanne Koston, September 26, 2006.

- Please charge the \$130.00 to satisfy the Surcharge Amount for response within the first month for a non-small entity with respect to Item 1 in compliance with 37 CFR 1.492(h) or in the event of overpayment or additional fees due to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 501432 (Reference 975902600170).

Respectfully submitted,



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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/01/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/01/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/01/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/01/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/01/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/01/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 04/01/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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